

Petersburg National Battlefield 2015 Schedule of Events



Note: Schedule is subject to change.
Please call (804) 732-3531 to confirm details.

CW150 Anniversary Programs in Red Text
January, 2015

JANUARY

Fortifications Caravan Tour

Date: Saturday, January 17, 2015
Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Randy Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 205

Petersburg National Battlefield will sponsor a caravan tour, led by Ranger Randy Watkins, which will explore fortifications of the siege of Petersburg. Participants will follow along in their personal vehicles behind the Ranger. A bag lunch, comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing are encouraged. Registration is required since the tour capacity is ten vehicles. To make a reservation, call 804-732-3531, ext. 205

Weaponry at Five Forks

Date: Sunday, January 18, 2015
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

The Battle of Five Forks on April 1, 1865 included infantry, artillery and cavalry, which meant a variety of weapons were used. This Ranger talk will explain the different types of weapons and the effects they had on the enemy.

Civil War Map Making

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2015
Time: 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
Location: Eastern Front Unit, Operations Building Located along Park Tour Road past Stop #4
Contact: Randy Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 205

History has shown that accurate maps could lead to victory on Civil War battlefields while poor maps could contribute to the deaths of thousands. This hands-on program will allow visitors to learn the methods used in creating Civil War maps. Map making supplies will be provided. Reservations are needed as space is limited to 20 participants. Please call (804) 732-3531 x205 to make reservations.

Artillery Demonstrations

Date: Sunday, January 25, 2015
Time: 1:00pm – 4:30pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Randy Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 205

Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used during the siege. There will be scheduled firings at 1:30 and 4:30. The rest of the firings will be conducted as audiences gather.

FEBRUARY

150th Anniversary of The Battle of Hatcher's Run

Date: Thursday, February 5, 2015
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Lecture will commemorate the first of the 1865 battles aimed at cutting off supply lines to General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, and bringing about the fall of Petersburg.

Bark in the Park

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2015
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Eastern Front Unit, Operations Building Located along Park Tour Road past Stop #4
Contact: Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208

For the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Hatcher's Run, come hear about the battle and the death of one of the most famous Civil War mascots, Sallie, the dog, of the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry. See the evolution of military dogs from mascots to modern day working dogs. The talk will conclude with a demonstration by the 544th Military Working Dog Detachment from Fort Lee.

"...there is little to fear": Confederate Morale in 1865

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2015
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

Learn how Confederate soldiers were dealing with the war in what turned out to be the last months of service for the Army of Northern Virginia.

Military Engineering in the Siege of Petersburg

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2015
Time: 9:15 am – 3:30 pm
Location: Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Randy Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 205

Petersburg National Battlefield will sponsor a caravan tour, led by Ranger Randy Watkins, which will explore military engineering and fortifications as they were employed during the siege of Petersburg. Participants will follow along in their personal vehicles behind the Ranger. A bag lunch, comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing are encouraged. Registration is required since the tour capacity is ten vehicles. To make a reservation, call 804-732-3531, ext. 205

The Cavalry at Five Forks

Date: Sunday February 15, 2015
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

General Sheridan's Union cavalry played a huge role in the Union victory at Five Forks. This Ranger talk will provide details as to how Union Generals Sheridan and Custer routed General Pickett's Confederates at the Battle of Five Forks on April 1, 1865.

USCTs at the Crater

Date: Saturday February 21, 2015
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Tour Stop #7 parking lot - Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

This tour highlights the role of United States Colored Troops regiments at the Battle of the Crater

Artillery Demonstrations

Date: Sunday, February 22, 2015
Time: 1:00pm – 4:30pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Randy Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 205

Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used during the siege. There will be scheduled firings at 1:30 and 4:30. The rest of the firings will be conducted as audiences gather.

Freedom Ball

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015
Time: TBA
Location: Union Train Station, 103 River Street, Petersburg, VA
Contact: Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 223

March

Jack Tars and Virginia Boatmen on the James and Appomattox Rivers

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2015
Time: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Location: Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.
Contact: Randy Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 205

City Point was a minor James River port during most of the Civil War but played a significant part in the lives of the people of the area. Maritime and naval operations on the James River took place throughout the war and not just during the siege. Through this living history program learn about their weaponry, navigation, knot making, and other skills they practiced.

United States Colored Troops in Winter Camp

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2015
Time: 10:00 am-11:00am & 1:00-2:00pm
Location: Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front Unit, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Learn about the lives of United States Colored Troops and how they spent their time in camp during the winter months

St. Patrick's Day for the Irish Brigade

Date: Tuesday March 17, 2015
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Poplar Grove National Cemetery, 8005 Vaughan Road, Petersburg, VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Civil War 150th : Battles of Ft. Stedman and Jones Farm Living History Weekend

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015
Time: Ft. Stedman 10:00 am -11:00 am & Jones Farm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Location: Ft. Stedman Tour Stop #5 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Jones Farm Tour Stop #3 Western Front, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Abraham Lincoln at the Siege of Petersburg

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015
Time: Noon
Location: Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA
Contact: Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203

A ranger presentation on President Lincoln's visit to City Point, Petersburg and Richmond during the waning days of the Civil War in Virginia.

Civil War 150th : Battles of Ft. Stedman and Jones Farm Real Time Tours

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Time: Ft. Stedman 5:00 am –8:00 am & Jones Farm 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Location: Ft. Stedman Tour Stop #5 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Jones Farm Tour Stop #3 Western Front, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Civil War 150th : Battle of Five Forks Living History

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Civil War 150th : The River Queen Conference: Living History & Panel Discussion

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015
Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: Beacon Theater 401 N. Main St., in Hopewell, Virginia
Contact: Chris Bryce Chris_Bryce@nps.gov / 804- 732-3531 x201

Civil War 150th : Nighttime Tours of Five Forks Battlefield

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Civil War 150th : Battle of Ft. Gregg Living History

Date: Sunday, March 29, 2015
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Tour Stop #4 Western Front, Sampson Rd. & 7th Ave. Dinwiddie Co. VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

APRIL

Civil War 150th : The Battle of Five Forks Real Time Tours

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2015
Time: US Cavalry Advance & CS Response 1:00 pm -2:00 pm &
US Infantry Advance & CS Infantry Response 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Location: First tour starts at Five Forks Visitor Center 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA
Second tour starts at horse lot on White Oak Road east of Five Forks intersection
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Faces of Five Forks

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2015
Time: 2:30—3:30 pm
Location: Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA
Contact: Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208

Civil War 150th : Breakthrough Real Time Tour

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015
Time: 5:30 am – 6:30 am
Location: Tour Stop #3 Western Front, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Civil War 150th : Breakthrough: Ft. Mahone Commemorative Ceremony

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015
Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Location: Ft. Mahone & Pennsylvania Monument on Wakefield Drive, Petersburg VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Civil War 150th : Breakthrough: Battle of Ft. Gregg Commemorative Ceremony

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: Tour Stop #4 Western Front, Sampson Rd. & 7th Ave. Dinwiddie Co. VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Civil War 150th : Lincoln in Petersburg Bus Tour

Date: Friday, April 3, 2015
Time: 9:30 am 12:30 pm
Location: Grant's HQ at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA
Contact: Chris Bryce Chris_Bryce@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x201

Lincoln at City Point

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2015
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Grant's HQ at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA
Contact: Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203

Presentation on the nearly two weeks President Lincoln spent at City Point from late March to early April 1865.

From Slavery to Freedom

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Travel to the location where slaves and slave owners walked the streets of Petersburg. Learn about the issues facing these citizens as the Civil War comes to an end in 1865.

May

USCTs at the Siege of Petersburg

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015
Time: 10:00am
Location: Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Travel to the locations where African-American soldiers fighting for the Union army served during the siege and learn of their contributions to the Union victory.

"...a perfect waste:" Destruction and Reconstruction of the Land and People

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2015
Time: 1:00pm -4:00 pm
Location: Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

This caravan tour will explore how people and landscapes were impacted by the Civil War. The tour starts at City Point and will end at the Crater Battlefield in the Eastern Front.

Sacred Ground: A History of Our National Cemeteries

Date: Sunday May 24 & Monday May 25, 2015
Time: 10:00am & 2:00pm each day
Location: Poplar Grove National Cemetery, 8005 Vaughan Road, Petersburg, VA
Contact: Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208

Talks at Poplar Grove National Cemetery will be on the history of America's military cemeteries 150 years after the end of the Civil War.

JUNE

Corlings Corner

Date: Friday June 12, 2015
Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Corner of Bank and Sycamore Streets, Petersburg, VA
Contact: Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Visit the area in Petersburg to learn about how human beings were bought, sold and rented as domestics and laborers.

Union Assaults: Prelude to the Crater

Date: Thursday June 18, 2015
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Tour Stop #7 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Juneteenth at City Point

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2015
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

The Washington Cultural Foundation, Petersburg National Battlefield and the City of Hopewell present the 149th Anniversary of Juneteenth. The Juneteenth National Freedom Celebration in America event begins at 10:00 am with a Libation ceremony on the James River Waterfront in the historic City Point section of Hopewell. Activities will continue at the General Grant's Headquarters Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield, and will include music, lectures, artillery demonstrations, children's activities, and exhibitions.

Marble Men

Date: Saturday June 20, 2015
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Poplar Grove National Cemetery, 8005 Vaughan Road, Petersburg, VA
Contact: Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208

A Ranger-led tour of Poplar Grove National Cemetery exploring the stories of the men who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Pegrams Lost at Petersburg

Date: Monday June 29, 2015
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

The Pegram family lived outside of Petersburg and paid dearly as their sons John and William lost their lives amid the fighting of the siege. Learn about their lives and contributions to the Confederate cause.

JULY

Battle of the Crater: Living History

Date: Saturday July 25, 2015
Time: 10:00am – 4:00 pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center and Tour Stops #7 & #8, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Living history programs and ranger-led walks will be provided throughout the day.

Artillery Demonstrations

Date: Sunday, July 26, 2015
Time: 1:00pm – 4:30pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used during the siege.

Remember the Glorious Dead: The Battle of the Crater

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: Blandford Church Reception Center 319 S Crater Rd, Petersburg, VA
Contact: Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208

A special event commemorating southern soldiers killed at the Battle of the Crater, this walking tour will allow participants to learn the story of this encounter, view memorial plaques and stones in Blandford Church and Cemetery. Admission is free. This partnership event is sponsored by the City of Petersburg Museums and the Petersburg National Battlefield.

AUGUST

The Lives of Petersburg's Enslaved and Free Black People

Date: Saturday August 1, 2015
Time: 10:30am & 2:30pm
Location: Historic Petersburg Courthouse, 7th Courthouse Avenue, Petersburg VA
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

This tour will highlight the role of slaves and slavery in Petersburg's commerce and highlight the lives of free blacks. Visitors can expect to see buildings that showcase the architecture of urban slavery. The tours are free, but each of the two tours is limited to 20 people and visitors will need to make reservations. Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney at (804) 732-3531 x222 or by e-mail at Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address and how many vehicles will be in your party. Confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail.

From Slavery to Freedom

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2015
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Travel to the location where slaves and slave owners walked the streets of Petersburg. Learn about the issues facing these citizens as the Civil War comes to an end in 1865.

Decorating from the Grand Tour: The Eppes' Art Collection

Date: Saturday August 15, 2015
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Tour Stops #7 & #8 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

This program explores the art collection of the Eppes family at City Point. The program is free and takes place at Grant's Headquarters at City Point (1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA). Visitors will get a chance to hear about the items that the Eppes' bought in Europe; and they also will get a chance to see some of the artwork that is original to the family.

The Fight for the Weldon Railroad

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2015
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Ft. Wadsworth, Western Front Tour Stop #1, Halifax Rd. & Flank Rd. Petersburg, VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-7532-3531 x 200

Rangers presentation on the Grant's Fifth offensive of the siege

Concert at City Point

Date: Friday, August 28, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Grant's HQ at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA
Contact: Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203

Bring a chair and relax (or march!) while listening to the 392nd Army Band from Ft. Lee.

SEPTEMBER

Petersburg's Patients and Prisoners Part 2

Date: Saturday, September 5, 2015
Time: 10:30 am & 2:30 pm
Location: Departs from 201 West Washington Street in Petersburg, VA
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

The 2 hour driving tour will cover sites associated with Petersburg's Civil War hospitals and prisoner of war sites. Participants will follow the ranger in their vehicles For anyone who went on the tour offered in 2014, there will be different sites on this tour. The tours are free; but, due to parking constraints the morning and afternoon tours are limited to 8 vehicles each and visitors must make reservations. Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address and how many vehicles will be in your party. Carpooling with family and friends is highly encouraged. Confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail.

The Forgotten Fourteen

Dates: Saturday, September 26, 2015
Time: 10:00 am & 2:00 pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center
Contact: Robert Webster, Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x223

African-American infantry men fighting for the United States in the Civil War earned sixteen Medals of Honor. Fourteen of these medals were earned during the siege at the Battle of New Market Heights. Discover what these men achieved, their lives after the war and how they are remembered today.

Battle of Peebles' Farm

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Fort Fisher, Western Front Unit Tour Stop #3, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-7532-3531 x 200

Ranger's presentation on the Grant's Fifth offensive of the siege.

October

Hard Liquor and Women

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2015
Time: 10:30 am, 1:315 pm, & 2:30 pm
Location: Farmer's Market parking lot at 9 Old Street, Petersburg VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804 732-3531 x202

A one hour walking tour and living history event will begin at the Farmer's Market parking lot in Old Towne Petersburg. "Hard Liquor and Women" will follow an 1864 newspaper reporter as he walks the streets of Old Towne Petersburg making observations and conducting interviews to see how Confederate soldiers pass their scarce leisure time away from the boredom, noise and danger of the City's defense lines. Accompany the reporter as he explores a side of the Siege of Petersburg that is rarely written about.

United States Colored Troops in Winter Camp

Date: Sunday, October 17, 2014
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Learn about the lives of United States Colored Troops and how they spent their time in camp during the winter months.

National Park Service Family Feud

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203

Come watch teams show off their park service knowledge as they compete for prizes.

November

Poplar Grove National Cemetery 10th Annual Luminary (Depending on Start of Rehabilitation Project)

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2015 (Tentative)
Time: 5:30pm – 8:00pm
Location: Meet at designated parking lot for Free shuttle to Cemetery

Petersburg National Battlefield will honor veterans past and present by literally shedding light on the gravesites of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend their country. The Luminary will take place at Poplar Grove National Cemetery. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. Parking for the event will be off site and free shuttle buses will transport visitors to and from the cemetery. There will be no parking allowed at Poplar Grove National Cemetery. The evening program at Poplar Grove National Cemetery includes each of the 6000 graves being marked with a luminary candle, music, and selected stories of those who laid down their lives for their beliefs. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes as the cemetery ground is uneven. Flashlights are also recommended to avoid stepping on tree roots. Please call (804) 732-3531 x208 for more information.

Confederate Countermines

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2015 (Rain Date Nov. 21, 2014)
Time: 1:00pm
Location: Tour Stop #5 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

This walking tour will allow visitors to see where Confederates countermined beyond the Crater battlefield. This tour requires reservations and is limited to 20 participants. Participants will have to ford a creek and climb some rugged, hilly terrain with no real trails. Appropriate waterproof shoes and clothing is necessary to access this portion of the battlefield. . Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address.

Thanksgiving in the Trenches

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2015
Time: 5:30pm & 6:45pm
Location: Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Visit Petersburg National Battlefield to witness how soldiers, Union and Confederate, observed the Thanksgiving season. Guided lantern tours will take place at tour stop #3 of the Eastern Front Unit. Each tour will consist of five stops where different scenes will play out depicting moments of peace to moments of violence. The event is free of charge.

Reservations are required to participate in this tour. To make a reservation, please call (804) 732-3531 ext. 202. Reservations can also be requested by e-mailing. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address as confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail. Register early as there is a limit of 30 people per tour.

Artillery Demonstrations

Date: Sunday, November 22, 2015
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00 pm
Location: Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used during the siege. There will a scheduled firing at 1:30 and 4:30. The rest of the firings will be conducted as audiences gather.

December

Union Aid Organizations during the Petersburg Campaign

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2015
Time: 1:00pm
Location: Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222